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Subject: HTC Application for Designation as an ETC -- DN 2018-346-C
Importance: High

David,

HTC will be filing testimony along with an Amended Application in the above-referenced docket today. As a result of some recent clarification from FCC Staff, HTC is amending its application to request ETC designation only in the census blocks for which federal funding will be available. This comprises fifteen eligible census blocks located in Georgetown County and two eligible census blocks located in Marion County.

As a Standing Hearing Officer, we are requesting that you provide us with a revised Notice of Filing and Hearing in this matter to reflect the above (in lieu of the language in the original notice that referenced two eligible census blocks located in Georgetown County and one eligible census block in Marion County (which were actually Census Block Groups)).

This matter is time-sensitive because, as explained in the Application, HTC is required to be designated as an ETC in the funded areas not later than February 25, 2019 in order to be eligible for federal funding to serve these areas. We request that a revised notice be issued today if possible, which will allow us to publish the revised notice in newspapers of general circulation on December 24. We also request that the notice period for intervention be set at 7-days (i.e., intervention by December 31, 2018). We believe that is appropriate in light of the fact that the matter has already been published once with no interventions received. Also, this schedule would allow us to keep the previously-scheduled testimony and hearing dates in place.

I have talked to counsel for ORS and they are OK with proceeding with a notice of the Amended Application in this matter, but they take no position with respect to the timeframe for intervention.

Thank you for your assistance, and please let me know if you have any questions or need anything further from us.

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